Puffing at all, winnowss the light away,
And what hath maſſe or matter by it ſelfe,
Lyes rich in vertue and vnmingled.
Neſtor. With due obſeruance of the godlike ſeate,
Great *Agamemnon*, *Neſtor* ſhall apply
Thy lateſt words. In the reproofe of chance,
Lies the true proofe of men: the ſea being ſmooth,
How many ſhallow bauble boates dare ſaile,
Vpon her ancient breſt, making their way
With thoſe of nobler bulke?
But let the ruffian *Boreas* once enrage
The gentle *Thetis*, and anon, behold
The ſtrong ribbd barke through liquid mountaines cut,
Bounding betweene the two moyſt elements,
Like *Perſeus* horſe. Where's then the ſawcie boate,
Whoſe weake vntymberd ſides but euen now
Corriuald greatneſſe? either to harbor fled,
Or made a toſſe for *Neptune*: euen ſo
Doth valours ſhew, and valours worth deuide
In ſtormes of fortune; for in her ray and brightneſſe
The heard hath more annoyance by the Bryze
Then by the Tyger, but when the ſplitting winde,
Makes flexible the knees of knotted Okes,
And Flies fled vnder ſhade, why then the thing of courage,
As rouzd with rage, with rage doth ſimpathize,
And with an accent tun'd in ſelfe ſame key,
Retires to chiding fortune.
Vliſſ. Agamemnon,
Thou great Commander, nerues and bone of Greece,
Heart of our numbers, ſoule and onely ſpright,
In whom the tempers and the minds of all
Should be ſhut vp: heere what *Vliſſes* ſpeakes,
Beſides th'applauſe and approbation,
The which moſt mighty, (for thy place and ſway
And thou moſt reuerend) for the ſtretcht out life,
I giue to both your ſpeeches; which were ſuch
As *Agamemnon* and the hand of Greece,
Should hold vp high in braſſe, and ſuch againe

As

As venerable *Neſtor* (hatcht in ſiluer)
Should with a bond of ayre ſtrong as the Axel-tree,
(On which heauen rides) knit all the Greekiſh eares
To his experienc't tongue, yet let it pleaſe both
Thou great and wiſe, to heare *Vliſſes* ſpeake.
Troy yet vpon his baſes had beene downe,
And the great *Hectors* ſword had lackt a maſter
But for theſe inſtances.
The ſpecialtie of rule hath beene neglected,
And looke how many Grecian tents do ſtand,
Hollow vpon this plaine, ſo many hollow factions,
When that the generall is not like the hiue,
To whom the forragers ſhall all repaire,
What honey is expected? Degree being viſarded
Th'vnworthieſt ſhewes as fairly in the maske.
The heauens them-ſelues, the plannets and this center
Obſerue degree, prioritie and place,
In ſiſture, courſe, proportion, ſeaſon, forme,
Office and cuſtome, in all line of order.
And therefore is the glorious planet Sol,
In noble eminence enthron'd and ſpherd,
Amidſt the other; whoſe medcinable eye,
Corrects the influence of euill Planets,
And poſts like the Commandment of a King,
Sans check to good and bad. But when the Planets,
In euill mixture to diſorder wander,
What plagues, and what portents, what mutinie?
What raging of the ſea, ſhaking of earth?
Commotion in the winds, frights, changes, horrors
Diuert and crack, rend and deracinate,
The vnitie and married calme of ſtates
Quite from their fixure: O when degree is ſhakt,
Which is the ladder of all high deſignes,
The enterpriſe is ſick. How could communities,
Degrees in ſchooles, and brother-hoods in Cities,
Peaceful commerce from dinidable ſhores,
The primogenitie and due of birth,
Prerogatiue of age, crownes, ſcepters, lawrels,